

To: FCC Washingtgn, D.C.
Re: ET 03-104
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Urban Amatuer Radio already functions in a sea of man-made RF interference. Adding to it by allowing power-line carried internet access seems ludicrous.

A good test of the viability of such service is your own tried and true standard: Is it in the public's interest, convenience and necessity?

Yes, the technology exists. Is it necessary? Hardly. Dial-up services, broadband cable TV providers, even wireless Web services make access to the internet universal in our society.

Would it enhance convenience? Not unless telephone service was unavailable to the consumer. There is only the remotest possibility of that in the early 21st Century.

Is it in the public's interest? It is not in the public's interest to have Radio Amatuer's unable to perform their public service duties because of S-9 level interference from the local power companies.

Intsituting a new method of Web access just because the technology exists is as absurd as placing carrier-current radio broadcasting over these same commercial power grids. That technology has existed for over 70 years. It, too, is not in the publics interest, convenience or necessity.

Amatuer Radio has been a diverse and faithful servant of the public interest convenience and necessity since before World War I. There is no justification for sending it back to the level of Citizen's Band localism by jamming the HF bands with a redundant internet service.

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